ANNEX 8 TO THE PROTOCOL

ON COOPERATION AND EXCHANGES
IN THE FIELD OF CONSERVATION OF NATURE
BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

AND

THE STATE FORESTRY ADMINISTRATION OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

In accordance with Articles 2, 3 and 8 of the Protocol on Cooperation and Exchanges between the Department of the Interior of the United States of America and the Ministry of Forestry of the People's Republic of China (hereinafter referred to as the Parties) signed in Washington, D.C. on November 19, 1986 and extended for five-year periods in 1991 and 1996, representatives of the Parties met in Beijing March 9-10, 1999 to review the results of activities carried out during 1997-1998 under Annex 7 and adopt a program of 12 exchanges of delegations for 1999-2000. The subjects, lead agencies and schedules for those exchanges are appended to this document, together with a list of the members of the American and Chinese delegations.

In addition, the Parties discussed several topics which have not been included in the Annex 8 timetable, but which are important for future cooperation. These include: long-term exchanges of staff members from wildlife refuges and nature reserves; exchange of information on biodiversity conservation; database management of natural history museum mammal collections; and research on freshwater mussels and Manchurian moose.

This Annex shall enter into force upon signature by both Parties, and shall remain valid for the duration of the Protocol.

Done in Beijing on the 10th day of March, 1999 in duplicate in the English and Chinese languages, both texts being equally authentic.

FOR THE UNITED STATES
FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE
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FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION OF THE STATE FORESTRY ADMINISTRATION OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

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AMERICAN DELEGATIONS VISITING THE P.R.C (1999-2000)

SUBJECT	DATE, DURATION NUMBER OF MEMBE	ORGANIZATION RS U.S. P.R.C.	
Conservation education for wetland and river habitat and ecosystems	Fall 1999 2 weeks 4 people	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	State Forestry Administration
CITES implementation, inspection, enforcement and capacity building	Spring 2000 2 weeks 4 people	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	State Forestry Administration
Red-crowned crane Habitat and species conservation	Fall 2000 2 weeks 2 people	Biological Resources Division, USGS	NBBC, State Forestry Administration
Status of information, conservation and management of argali sheep	Fall 1999 nt 2 weeks 4 people	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; Biological Resources Division, USGS	State Forestry Administration
Protection and management of aquatic wildlife habitat, including GIS	Fall 2000 2 weeks 4 people	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; Biological Resources Division, USGS	Ministry of Agriculture
Conservation of freshwater imperiled fish species, including sturgeon	1999-2000 2 weeks 4 people	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Ministry of Agriculture

CHINESE DELEGATIONS VISITING THE U.S. (1999-2000)

SUBJECT	DATE, DURATION NUMBER OF MEMBER		ORGANIZATION U.S. P.R.C.	
Conservation education for wetland and river habitat and ecosystems	Spring/Fall 200 2 weeks 4 people	0 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	State Forestry Administration	
CITES implementation, inspection, enforcement and capacity building	Fall 1999 2 weeks 4 people	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	State Forestry Administration	
Red-crowned crane Habitat and species conservation	Spring 2000 2 weeks 2 people	Biological Resources Division, USGS	NBBC, State Forestry Administration	
Protection and management of aquatic wildlife habitat, including GIS	Fall 1999 2 weeks 4 people	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; Biological Resource Division, USGS		
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NOTE: On mutual agreement of the two sides, Chinese delegations visiting the U.S. may include as interpreter one additional person, whose expenses will be paid by the host side.